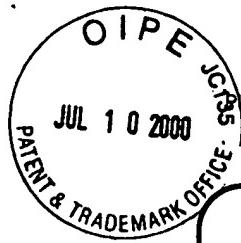


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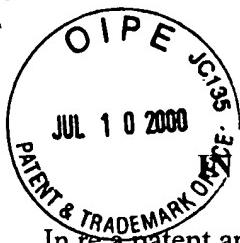
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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July 7, 2000

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination on the merits, as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 43-44, 46-51, 53-54, and 56-62, without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter, and add new claims 63-69 as per the following, which also includes each of the other remaining outstanding claims:

*Sub 17 -- 43.* (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving (1) a video program including within a set of parallel video segments that provide for at least two versions of a scene of said video program, each parallel video segment comprising a sequence of video frames, (2) a user interface, particular to said video program, for a user of said video program to establish a content preference, and (3) data, not created by said user of said video program, directly defining a plurality of video segments within said video program;

storage means for storing said video program, said user interface, and said data;

processing means for enabling said user of said video program to establish a content preference by utilizing said user interface, and for selecting, for said user, video segments from within said video program by applying said content preference to said data; and

random accessing and buffering means for playing, without requiring an alternate source of video, the selected video segments as a seamless version of, from within, and less in length than the length of, said video program, said playing comprising seamlessly skipping over a non-selected parallel video segment included within said video program.

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